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TOWN OF JUNCTION
PEOPLE
YOU NEED NEVER
WORRY AGAIN!
I WILL ALWAYS
BE HERE TO
PROTECT YOU FROM
LAWLESSNESS
AND DANGER!
THE BLACK
DIAMOND
U.S. MARSHAL
OF THIS TERRITORY



HE MUST
BE THE ONE
WHO CAPTURED
JEFF HAWKINS
AND HIS
GANG!

IT'S ABOUT
TIME SOMEONE
WAS BRAVE
ENOUGH TO STAND
UP AGAINST THE
LAWLESS ELEMENTS
IN THIS
TOWN!

NOW
MAYBE WE'LL
HAVE SOME
LAW AND ORDER
AROUND
HERE!

WHEN TREACHERY AND VIOLENCE RULED THE WILD WEST, ONLY ONE MAN, THE BLACK DIAMOND, DARED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE MASTER CRIMINAL, JEFF HAWKINS!--SEE INSIDE!



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PRESENTING THE THRILLING ADVENTURES OF THE

BLACK DIAMOND

IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES!

BEGIN HERE THE SAGA OF BOB VALE, AS THIS HARD-RIDING PEACE OFFICER OF THE OPEN PLAINS DISPATCHES JUSTICE! STEP BACK THROUGH THE PAGES OF DARING HISTORY, AS THE EXPLOITS OF THIS LEGENDARY KNIGHT OF THE PRAIRIES RECREATE THE WEST OF YESTERYEAR!

CHIEF, THE IRON HORSE
INVADES THE HUNTING
GROUND OF YOUR ANCESTORS.
BRINGING MORE AND MORE
SETTLERS TO KILL YOUR
GAME AND STEAL YOUR
LAND! YOU MUST
ACT!

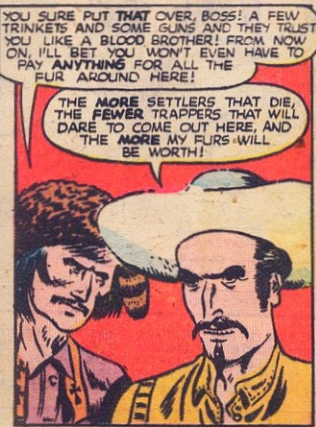
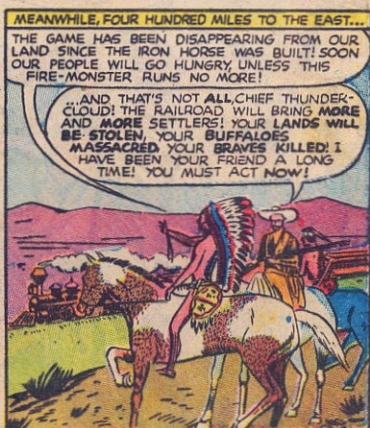
MY WHITE FRIEND SPEAKS
WITH A STRAIGHT TONGUE!
MY PEOPLE WILL NOT
STARVE AND BE DRIVEN
FROM THEIR HOMES! WE
WILL ATTACK, AND EVERY
MAN, WOMAN AND
CHILD MUST DIE!

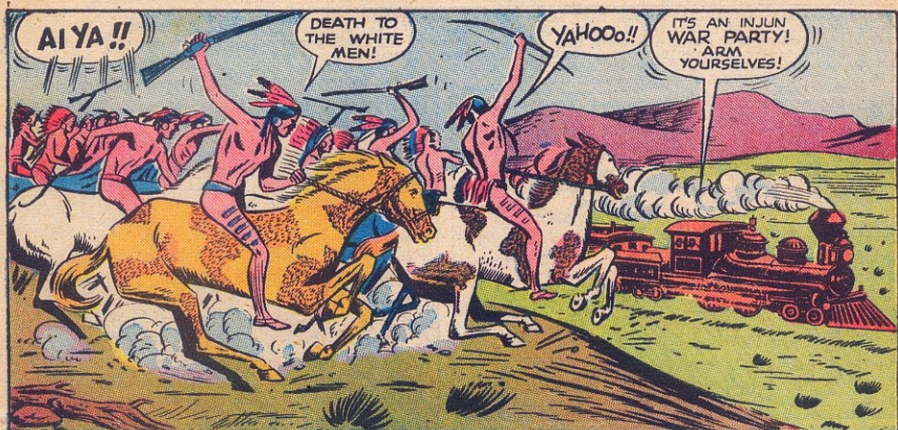


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IN
CONSIDERATION
OF INNOCENT
PEOPLE INVOLVED AND
RELATIVES OF OTHERS,
THE NAMES OF CHARACTERS
DEPICTED IN BLACK DIAMOND
WESTERN ARE FICTITIOUS
AND SIMILARITY TO NAMES
OF PEOPLE LIVING OR
DEAD IS ENTIRELY
COINCIDENTAL. THIS IN NO
WAY AFFECTS THE
ACCURACY OF THE
TRUE STORIES.
The Editors

ON A WESTERN PLAIN, IN 1869, YEARS OF BACK-BREAKING EFFORT RESULTED IN THE COMPLETION OF A BAND OF STEEL, THE **FIRST CROSS-COUNTRY RAILROAD!** IT BROUGHT TOGETHER, FOR THE FIRST TIME THE SHIPBUILDER FROM BOSTON, THE COTTON GROWER FROM SAVANNAH, AND THE RANCHERS FROM CALIFORNIA! BUT THERE WERE SOME UNSCRUPULOUS MEN WHO DID NOT DESIRE TO SHARE THE RICHNESS OF THE WILDERNESS, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF ONE SUCH MAN THAT THIS STORY IS TOLD!





IT WAS! SOMEONE MUST HAVE TOUCHED 'EM OFF! THUNDERCLOUD'S BEEN AT PEACE FOR YEARS....



WITH WHAT? WE'RE ALMOST POWDER DRY! CURSE WHO EVER STARTED 'EM OFF! THEY'RE OUT TO MASSACRE US ALL!

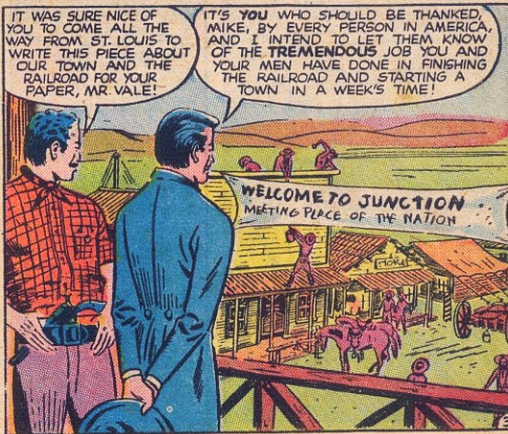


LET NONE ESCAPE! IT IS THUNDERCLOUD'S ORDERS!

SAM! OH, NO!



THERE WILL BE MUCH REJOICING IN THE VILLAGE WHEN THE SQUAWS LEARN OF OUR VICTORY! MAYBE NOW THE WHITE MAN WILL LEARN WE WILL NOT BE DRIVEN LIKE SHEEP FROM THE HOME OF OUR ANCESTORS!



IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD BE THANKED, MIKE, BY EVERY PERSON IN AMERICA, AND I INTEND TO LET THEM KNOW OF THE TREMENDOUS JOB YOU AND YOUR MEN HAVE DONE IN FINISHING THE RAILROAD AND STARTING A TOWN IN A WEEK'S TIME!





I WON'T BE ALONE—THAT MASSACRE ONLY STRENGTHENED THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE MEN AND WOMEN COMING OUT EVERY DAY! THERE'S A WAGON TRAIN LEAVING SOON FOR JUNCTION! I'LL BE ON IT! THE INDIANS WILL LEARN THAT WE DON'T SCARE EASILY, MAJOR!

THOSE ARE PROUD WORDS AND I'M PROUD OF YOU, MR. VALE—GOOD LUCK! BUT WHAT OF THE CHILD? I'VE NOTICED YOU'VE BECOME RATHER FOND OF HIM!



I INTEND TO ADOPT HIM! HE AND I HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN JUNCTION NOW! BECAUSE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER ARE BURIED THERE, AND I, BECAUSE MY HEART LIES THERE! I'M GOING OVER TO THE FOUNDLING HOME AND FILE FOR HIM LEGALLY, RIGHT NOW!

LOYD VALE, WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOUR WANTING TO ADOPT YOUNG BOB? YOU KNOW VERY WELL IT'S AN ORPHANAGE RULE THAT NO SINGLE PERSON CAN ADOPT A CHILD!



COME NOW, MARTHA, YOU CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN MY CASE! DON'T TELL ME I'VE GOT TO GET MARRIED! ANYWAY, I HAVEN'T GOT TIME—THE TRAIN IS LEAVIN' IN A FEW DAYS AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANY WOMEN IN THIS TOWN!

I GUESS I WON'T BE TAKING YOUNG BOB WITH ME, THEN! GOSH, I WANT THAT KID MORE THAN ANYTHING BUT I CAN'T MARRY JUST ANYBODY! I GUESS I'M OLD-FASHIONED BUT I'VE GOT TO LOVE THE WOMAN I MARRY!



HOW NOBLE!

SAY I NEVER GAVE YOU A THOUGHT! I ALWAYS FELT YOU WERE—OH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I THOUGHT! BUT I COULDN'T MARRY ANYONE ELSE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL ALONG AND DON'T HAVE SENSE ENOUGH TO KNOW IT!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

LOYD VALE, YOU ARE THE SLOWEST, MOST UNROMANTIC MAN A GIRL EVER FELL FOR, BUT I LOVE YOU, TOO... I HAVE FROM THE FIRST!



THIS IS AS FAR AS WE CAN TAKE YOU, VALE! GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK! YOU TOO, MRS. VALE!



SO LONG, MAJOR, AND THANKS! WE'LL MANAGE IT FROM HERE ON IN!

[IN THE NEXT TWELVE YEARS, THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF JUNCTION GREW AND PROSPERED! A SMALL DAUGHTER, PATRICIA, WAS BORN TO THE VALES! MERCHANTS CAME, AND RANCHES GREW, AND THE MEMORY OF A DAY IN 1869 WAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN!]



NOW, BOB, DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO COME?

BUT, GEE WHIZ, DAD, YOU PROMISED I COULD HAVE THE COLT! I GOTTA START TAKING CARE OF HIM!

THAT'S QUITE A BOY YOU'VE GOT, VALE! IT'LL DO HIM GOOD TO LEARN!

LOOK, DAD, MY COLT IS ALMOST AS FAST AS THE MARE IS! I GUESS IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO RIDE, WILL IT?

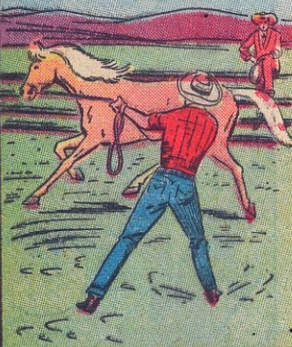


OH, BOY!

NO, SON, I GUESS IT WON'T! BOYS AND COLTS—I DON'T KNOW WHICH GROW FASTER! ANY DAY NOW WE'LL START TRAININ' HIM!



THAT'S RIGHT—KEEP HIM GOING AROUND IN A CIRCLE! HE'LL GET USED TO THE ROPE THAT WAY!



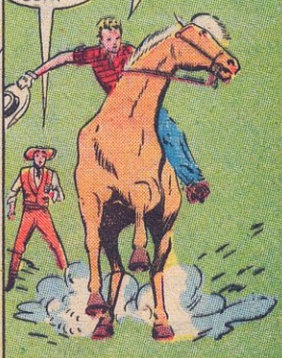
GETTING THE SADDLE ON HIM WASN'T TOO HARD, DAD! DO YOU SUPPOSE HE TRUSTS ME ENOUGH TO LET ME RIDE HIM?



HE TRUSTS YOU, OR HE WOULDN'T STAND STILL, BUT HE'LL GO WILD THE FIRST TIME HE FEELS YOUR WEIGHT ON HIS BACK! HOP ON AND STAY THERE! YOU'VE GOT TO BREAK HIM IN YOURSELF!

HE FEELS YOU—HOLD TIGHT, SON!

WHOA, BOY! EASY—IT'S ME!



OWW! I'M OKAY, DAD—JUST WATCH HIM! HE ALWAYS COMES RUNNING WHEN I'M IN TROUBLE OR HURT! HE SEEMS TO SENSE IT—JUST LIKE THAT TIME THE RATTLER ALMOST GOT ME, AND HE STAMPED IT TO DEATH!



SEE, WHAT DID I TELL YOU! WHAT A HORSE! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL I CAN RIDE HIM TO SCHOOL!



THEN YOU'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF HIM! THAT MOUNTAIN LION WE HEAR EVERY NIGHT SEEMS TO BE GETTING CLOSER! MAKE SURE HE STAYS CORRALLED!

SUPPER! DAD, BOB—SOUP'S ON!

GEE, PATRICIA! WON'T MOM BE SURPRISED WHEN I BRING BACK THAT MOUNTAIN LION'S HIDE? I CAN GIVE IT TO HER FOR HER BIRTHDAY!

YES, SHE'S ALWAYS WANTED A LION SKIN FOR A RUG IN HER ROOM! CAN I COME ALONG, BOB?



OF COURSE NOT! HOW COULD I SHOOT A LION WITH A GIRL ALONG? HUNTING IS A MAN'S JOB! YOU GO BACK AND COVER UP FOR ME!



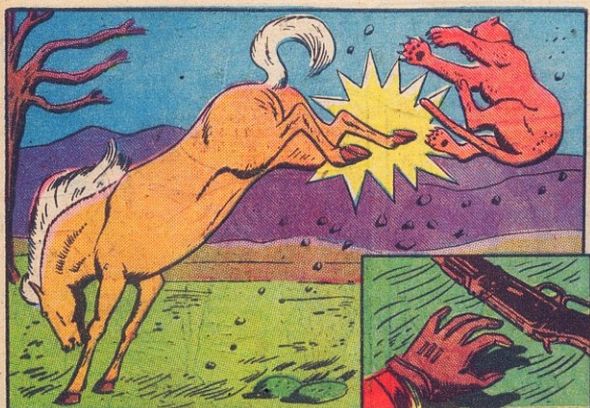
I MUST BE GETTING CLOSE—THIS WATERHOLE TRACK ISN'T MORE THAN AN HOUR OLD—I BET HE'S HEADED FOR THAT OLD CAVE!



THAT'S THE LION! THAT'S HIM!







SON, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HE SAVED MY LIFE AGAIN! DIDN'T I TELL YOU HE COULD TELL WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE?

I'VE NEVER SEEN AN ANIMAL WITH SUCH AN ATTACHMENT FOR A HUMAN AS HE HAS FOR YOU! THAT HORSE WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN!

AND I WON'T LET YOU DOWN EITHER, DAD-FROM NOW ON I WON'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT YOU! GOSH, DAD, DID YOU EVER SEE SUCH A WONDERFUL HORSE?

NO, AND THAT'S A FACT, BUT WHEN MOM FINDS OUT YOU WENT LION HUNTING WITHOUT HER PERMISSION SHE'S GOING TO PADDLE THE STUFFING OUT OF YOU!

PA, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER NOT TO TELL HER ABOUT ALL THIS? THIS COULD BE OUR SECRET- YOU KNOW, MAN TO MAN! THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY HER!

MAN TO MAN, EH? MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT- IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO WORRY MOM, BUT THEN IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR FOR A MAN TO KEEP DOING BOY'S WORK! AS SOON AS YOUR LEG HEALS, YOU'LL DO MAN'S WORK!



♫ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, ♪
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR BOB,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

SPEECH!

A FEW YEARS HAVE PASSED AND NOW AT TWENTY-ONE, BOB HAS REACHED MANHOOD!

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM TO HAVE A MOTHER AND FATHER WHO LOVE ME SO MUCH, AND ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THEY PICKED ME OUT OF ALL THE OTHER ORPHANS, AND WANTED ME ENOUGH TO ADOPT ME! I WANT TO TELL PAT HOW PROUD I AM OF HER AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET MARRIED SOME DAY! SHE'S THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN THE WHOLE WORLD!



HEY! THIS IS MY PARTY, NOT YOURS!

BIRTHDAYS OR ENGAGEMENTS- I DECLARE, SON, THAT HORSE OF YOURS WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE LONG ENOUGH TO LET YOU EAT YOUR MEALS! HE'S PART OF THE FAMILY!

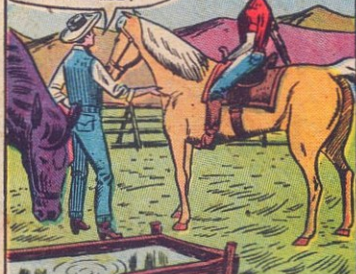
I COULDN'T GIVE YOU THIS RING DOWNSTAIRS, BOB, BUT NOW YOU'RE A MAN, I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW! I GOT THIS BLACK DIAMOND RING FROM THE HAND OF THE MAN WHO MASSACRED YOUR PARENTS! I TRIED FOR YEARS TO FIND A CLUE TO ITS OWNER, BUT I'VE FAILED - NOW IT'S UP TO YOU - IT'S YOUR FIGHT, SON!



A BLACK DIAMOND RING? SO THIS IS THE CLUE TO THE KILLER! ALL RIGHT, DAD, I'LL LEAVE TOMORROW... I'LL LOOK EVERYWHERE... IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, I'LL FIND HIM! I WON'T BE BACK UNTIL I DO!



MR. MARKS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK, WAS JUST HERE! IT'S A LONG STORY BUT, IN SHORT, THEY REFUSED MY REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION! EITHER I MEET THE NOTE NOW OR LOSE THE RANCH! I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT OFF THE TRIP FOR AWHILE!



LOSE THE RANCH? BUT WHAT ABOUT THE STOCK? YOU COULD SELL IT! YOU OWN THE FINEST HORSE-FLESH IN THE WEST! IT'LL BRING A HIGH PRICE!

I'VE ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH A TRAVELING HORSE BUYER TO SELL EVERY HEAD! I'M EVEN SELLIN' MINE! I'D RATHER CUT OFF MY ARM THAN HAVE TO DO THIS, SON, BUT I'VE GOT TO ASK YOU TO SACRIFICE YOURS!

SELL MY HORSE! BUT HE'S LIKE PART OF ME! WHY, HE EVEN SAVED MY LIFE!

ALL RIGHT, DAD, YOU KNOW BEST!



I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT, SON, SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF SELLIN' HIM! YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE HERD INTO TOWN! I NEVER MET THIS MR. HAWKINS! HE'S STAYING AT THE HOTEL! THE TOTAL COMES TO \$5,000... WHICH IS HALF OF WHAT WE NEED!



THE ONLY ONE WE'RE KEEPING IS A STRONG WORKHORSE!

COME IN, KID, COME IN - SO YOU'RE VALE'S SON, EH? DON'T BE BASHFUL! WE'LL HAVE A DRINK AND THEN SIGN THE PAPERS... SPIDER, GET SOME GLASSES!

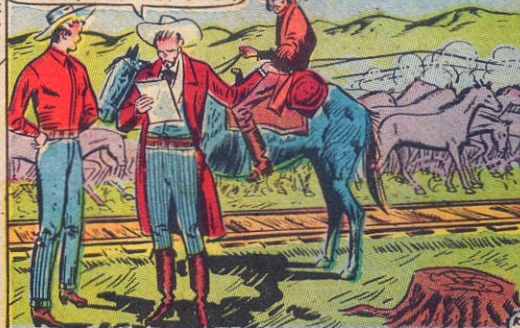


NO, THANKS, MR. HAWKINS, I DON'T DRINK! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND CLOSING THE DEAL IN A HURRY! I MUST GET BACK IMMEDIATELY! I'VE GOT THE HERD CORRALLED BY THE TRACKS - YOU CAN HAVE A LOOK AT THEM THERE!



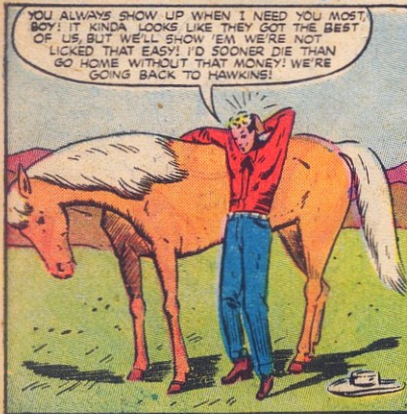
A REAL QUICK BUSINESSMAN, EH? WELL, SUIT YOURSELF, KID! SPIDER, GET MY JACKET!

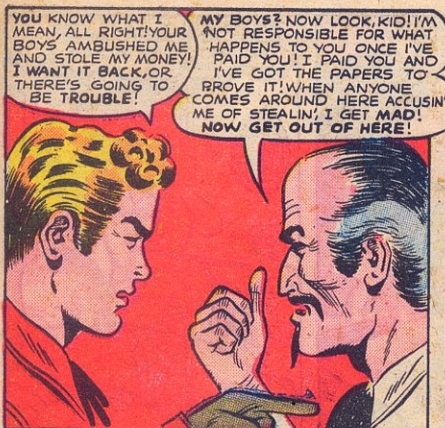
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE IN ORDER, KID, SO IF YOU'LL JUST SIGN THIS BILL OF SALE, I'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY... SPIDER, HAND ME MY PEN!



YEAH, SURE, BOSS!







YOUR FACE IS VERY FAMILIAR... JUST WHAT IS YOUR GAME, HAWKINS? IF MY BOY HAD STOLEN MONEY FROM YOU WHY WOULDN'T YOU HAVE GONE TO THE SHERIFF INSTEAD OF COMING HERE? THERE'S SOMETHING AWFULLY FISHY ABOUT YOU! I BETTER GO SEE THE SHERIFF AND...



...JUST WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'LL LET YOU TALK TO THE SHERIFF?



DARLING, WILL YOU AND YOUR GUEST HAVE SOME COFFEE?... EEEEE! YOU'VE KILLED HIM!



MOM, WHAT'S ALL THE SHOOTING ABOUT? WHAT HAPPENED?

THEY KILLED YOUR FATHER!

OH, THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE! IT WAS AWFUL! THAT BUYER MR. HAWKINS, CAME HERE WITH HIS MEN! HE HAD A ROW WITH DAD AND SHOT HIM!



MR. HAWKINS? THEN DAD MUST HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM AS THE MAN WHO LED THE INDIANS DURING THE JUNCTION MASSACRE! HE TRIED TO ROB ME, TOO! PAT, LOOK AFTER MOM! I'M GOING TO TOWN TO SWEAR OUT A WARRANT FOR THEIR ARREST! BEFORE I'M THROUGH, THEY'LL ALL BE HANGING FOR MURDER!



THERE HE IS NOW, SHERIFF... PROBABLY CAME HERE TO TELL YOU A PACK OF LIES... BUT WE SAW HIM, DIDN'T WE BOYS? HE SHOT HIS OWN FATHER, AND THEN HE ROBBERED HIM... SEARCH HIM IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE! HE'S GOT THE \$5,000 I GAVE HIS FATHER FOR THE HERD!



HEY, SHERIFF! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? OH, SO YOU'RE HERE! WHAT KIND OF LIES HAVE THEY BEEN HANDING YOU, SHERIFF? THEY'RE KILLERS, ALL OF 'EM! THEY KILLED MY FATHER!

JUST HOLD STILL, SON, AND I'LL SOON FIND OUT WHO'S LYING! WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR SHIRT?

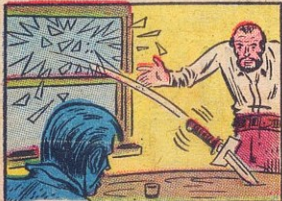


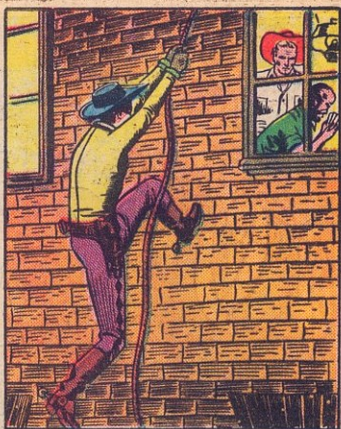
THAT'S THE MONEY, ALL RIGHT! WHAT DID I TELL YOU, SHERIFF?

OF COURSE IT'S THE MONEY! BUT I DIDN'T STEAL IT! THESE CROOKS TRIED TO ROB ME! THEY SHOT MY DAD! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME! THEY'RE MURDERERS!

I'VE GOT TO BELIEVE MY EYES, AN' THIS DUST MAKES YOU LOOK PLENTY GUILTY TO ME! I'M GOIN' TO LOCK YOU UP TILL I CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!









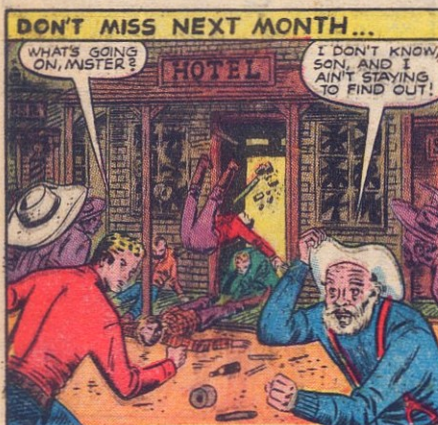
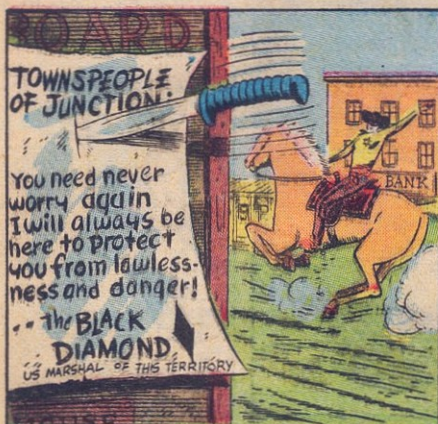
THESE ARE THE HOG-TIED OUTLAWS I WANT YOU TO SEND THE MESSAGE ABOUT!

I STILL DON'T SAVVY WHY YOU DON'T SHOW YOUR FACE, MISTER, BUT SINCE IT'S THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL YOU'RE SENDIN' FOR I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT; BETTER COME IN AND DICTATE!



**HAVE CAPTURED
RENEGADE LEADER
OF JUNCTION MASSACRE
OF APRIL 13, 1869....
DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS.**

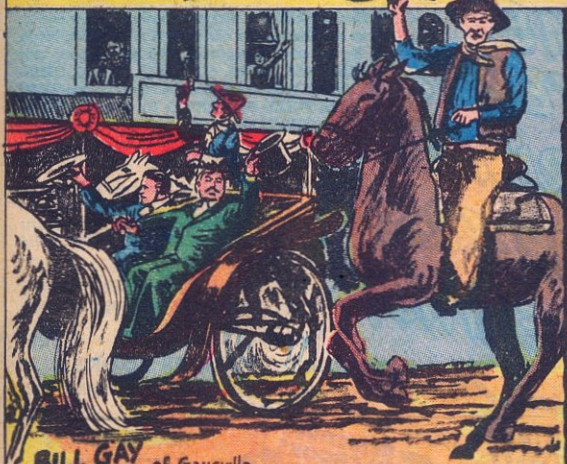




OBEY THE LAW

SURE AS SHOOTIN'

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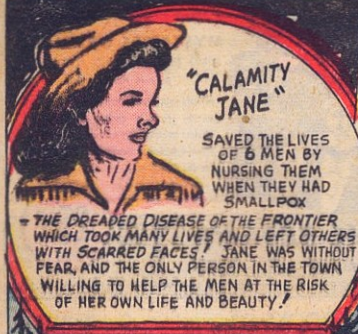


"EAGLE HAWK"

BILL GAY of Gaysville

WAS SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR MURDER BUT — AFTER THREE YEARS HE WAS PARDONED BY THE GOVERNOR! HIS HOME TOWN GAVE HIM A HERO'S WELCOME — THE STREETS WERE DECORATED, THERE WAS A BIG PARADE — BANDS PLAYED AND PEOPLE CHEERED! AS SOON AS THE EXCITEMENT DIED DOWN, BILL GAY SHOT AND KILLED ANOTHER MAN AND THE TOWN HAD ANOTHER BIG CELEBRATION — A HANGING PARTY FOR BILL GAY!

DISCOVERED A RICH VEIN OF GOLD in the Black Hills, Arizona — HE KEPT IT COVERED WITH DIRT AND NEVER TOLD ANYONE ABOUT HIS FIND BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT THE WHITE MEN TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT AND INVADE HIS HUNTING GROUND! HIS LAND WAS WORTH MORE TO HIM THAN THE FORTUNE IN GOLD!



"CALAMITY JANE"

SAVED THE LIVES OF 6 MEN BY NURSING THEM WHEN THEY HAD SMALLPOX

— THE DREADED DISEASE OF THE FRONTIER WHICH TOOK MANY LIVES AND LEFT OTHERS WITH SCARRED FACES! JANE WAS WITHOUT FEAR, AND THE ONLY PERSON IN THE TOWN WILLING TO HELP THE MEN AT THE RISK OF HER OWN LIFE AND BEAUTY!



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C.H. MOORE



THE LOST SETTLEMENT!

WHEN THE FIRST SETTLERS FOUND GOLD IN THE GULCH OF DEADWOOD AND STARTED TO BUILD THE TOWN — THEY FOUND PLOWS, GRINDSTONES, PICKS, FURNITURE, ETC., 6 TO 7 FEET BELOW THE GROUND — EVIDENCE THAT PEOPLE HAD LIVED THERE MANY YEARS BEFORE BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHO THEY WERE!

BILL LINN,
Stagecoach Driver,
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SHERIFF BILL WAYNE

SHERIFF BILL WAYNE was a short man, not much over five feet, and he looked like a kindly old grandfather. But there wasn't a desperado in the southwest who didn't know that he was better off slugging it out with the browniest six footer than having "Pop" Wayne on his tail. What Wayne lacked in bulk he made up in brain and at fifty-five he could still get a pigeon on the wing without stopping to take aim. Thanks to him there was more law and order in the town of Lindale and the surrounding county than in all the land west of the Mississippi.

Wayne's fame, however, had not reached the ears of Joe Winsler, cattle-rustler and thief, up in Dalsen. On a July day in 1872 Winsler decided to move on, and it was Lindale he decided to head for. He didn't really care where he went, but Joe was a guy who believed in fate. It was fate, he thought, that threw at his feet a torn envelope as he headed for a saloon... a scrap of paper with the words "Lindale, Arizona," on it.

In the saloon he ordered a drink, then turned to the small group at the other end of the bar.

"Any of you guys know Lindale, Arizona?" he demanded.

One man turned to look at Joe. "The county or the town?" he asked "I know both. I've got a brother there."

"Well? What's it like?" Joe snapped.

"It's the cleanest, quietest, most law-abiding town in the southwest," the stranger informed him.

"Well it won't be for long," Joe promised. The other man shrugged and turned away.

Winsler entered Lindale quietly enough. And for a while the townspeople had no reason to suspect that their newest neighbor would prove

to be highly undesirable. Winsler was waiting for his newness to wear off and for other strangers to arrive in town before he pulled anything, so that the finger of suspicion would not point only to him. He had decided to neglect cattle rustling for awhile in favor of less strenuous ways of making some money.

He had been in town two weeks before he acted. His first victim was Bill Reed, the owner of the Red Post saloon. At four o'clock Sunday morning almost everyone in town was asleep. Bill, a man of sixty, well-liked by everybody, was counting his week's receipts. The only light still on in the saloon was over the bar and the rest of the room was in deep shadow. Bill was too engrossed to notice when a dark form pushed open the swinging door and entered. Joe Winsler, masked and armed, made his way stealthily through the semi-darkness until he reached the bar. Then, one hand lifted a gun and brought the heavy barrel down hard on Bill Reed's head. Before he crumpled to the floor, the startled bartender caught a fleeting glimpse of his assailant.

Two minutes later Joe Winsler fled with the money. Bill Reed was found at ten in the morning, when someone noticed that the light was still on over the bar. He was unconscious but alive. He came to at five in the afternoon. To Sheriff Wayne's question he could only say, "He was masked. But I don't think he was anyone I knew." At eight that evening Bill Reed died.

The town was enraged. Nothing like this had happened in four years. The Sheriff called a council of war. "We have almost nothing to go on," he admitted, "except that it was probably a stranger. There are about eight newcomers in town. We can question them, but I don't think it will get us anywhere."

The sheriff was right. All eight swore they had been asleep at the time of the killing and there was nothing to prove that one of them was

lying. A careful watch to see if anyone was spending more money than he ought to also proved useless. The killer was being careful.

"Well," Bill Wayne said, when almost a week had passed with no developments, "there's only one thing to do."

On Saturday afternoon most of the town gathered on Main Street or in the two saloons to relax. Almost everyone in town, including Joe Winsor, was within earshot when Deputy Paul Barton stopped to greet old Mrs. Binkley, who was standing in front of her general store with some friends.

Mrs. Binkley was slightly deaf and Barton shouted. "Afternoon, Mrs. Binkley. Is Jim still away?"

Mrs. Binkley, like many people who are hard of hearing, spoke very loudly. "Afternoon, Paul," she said. "Yes, he's still east, with his folks. I expect him back Monday, though."

"I bet you'll be glad not to have to take care of the general store by yourself," Paul said.

"Oh, I don't mind. All my customers are so nice and helpful. As a matter of fact, I think business is better with Jim away. Lots of people have been paying their debts this week, too."

"I hope you've been putting all that money in the bank," Paul said.

"Well, Jim usually attends to that. He says I can't get my figures straight. So I guess I'll just leave it all in the store till he gets back. Monday's time enough to put it in the bank."

"I guess you know best, Mrs. Binkley," Paul said.

In the bar, Joe Winsor was listening intently. Mrs. Binkley usually closed up around ten, he knew. Most people would either be at the barn dance or drinking in the bar, and it would be very noisy. Joe knew the back entrance to the store and that the back of Binkley's store was dark. But he didn't know where Mrs. Binkley put the money at night so he would have to come while she was still there. "Maybe it's a trap," Joe thought. "But the old lady is deaf, and her husband has been gone since before I robbed the saloon. If I'm gonna rob that store this is the time to do it. I'll clean it out and skip town. This place is too tame for Joe Winsor, anyway!"

At eight Joe went to the Blue Bottle. Through the window he could keep an eye on the general

store, where business seemed to be excellent. With each purchase Joe's dreams of a good take mounted and his fear of a trap faded. At nine thirty he saw the sheriff, with a group of men, heading down the street toward the barn where the dances were held. By a quarter of ten business had stopped in the store. Mrs. Binkley was putting things away and blowing out lights until only one remained lit. Joe made an unobtrusive exit and headed around the block so he could reach the store from the rear.

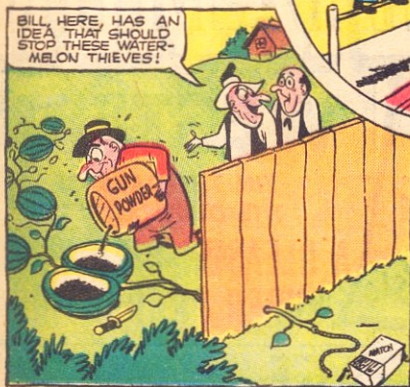
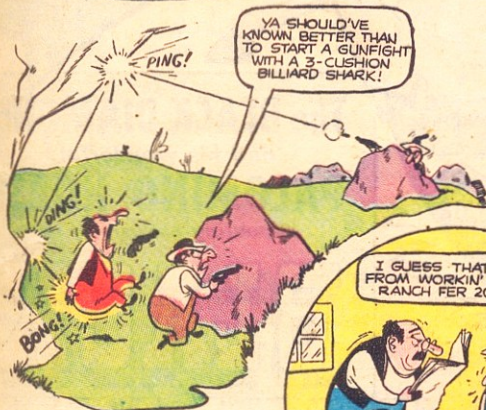
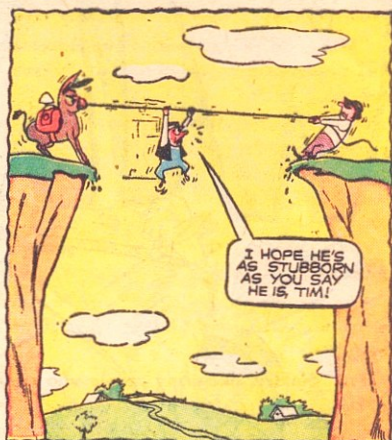
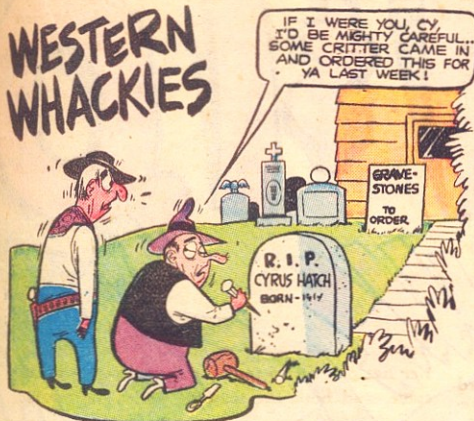
The back door was closed, but not locked. It squeaked a little as Joe pushed it open but Mrs. Binkley, he knew, wouldn't hear it. Mrs. Binkley was just inside, with her back to the door. Evidently she was ready to leave, because she had her hat on. She was doing something at a little table, and both she and the table, Joe noticed, were hidden from the street by a screen. In any case the one light was too dim to reveal anything. She was probably putting away the money, Joe thought. He moved forward quietly, with his pistol butt raised. But before he could bring it down, the plump little figure jumped away, whirled around, and snapped, "Drop that gun." Joe was too startled to move. His hand was still in the air when two armed men stepped out from behind the screen.

Almost a minute passed before Winsor realized that the little figure was holding not a box of money but two six-shooters, and that the face under the bonnet was not Mrs. Binkley's, but Sheriff Wayne's. The real Mrs. Binkley, under orders, had hidden in a closet as soon as Joe left the saloon. Now she put her head out to ask, "Is it safe?"

"It's safe, Mrs. Binkley," Wayne assured her, taking off his cloak and bonnet. "I should have known it would turn out to be this guy. Remember a man in a saloon in Dalsen, Winsor? You asked him about Lindale and he said it was a nice, peaceful town. Well, that was my brother you spoke to. Just yesterday I got a letter from him warning me that a husky red-headed guy was coming along to make some trouble. And just in case you're interested, he went on to say, 'If he does start anything, I know you'll take care of him.' You should've asked my brother some more questions before you came to Lindale, Winsor. He could have told you that around here, Crime doesn't pay."

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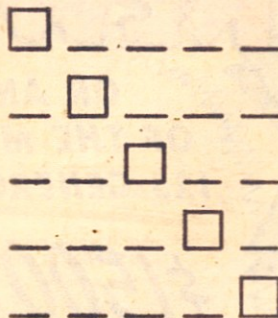
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HERE IS THE FIRST PUZZLE

PUZZLE NO. 1

Fill in the dashes in each line with four letters to make the word which is defined directly to the right. When you have done this, add a letter to each box to change this four letter word to a different word of five letters. To start you off we'll tell you that the first word is ACES and the letter in the box is R, making RACES. What is the next word? If you fill in the rest of the diagram correctly the letters in the boxes, reading from upper left to lower right, will spell the name of a popular western outdoor show. Write this word on the coupon.



1. The four highest cards in a pack.
2. A small liquid measure.
3. Another name for dinner or supper.
4. What dressmakers use.
5. Where a prisoner is kept.

IT'S EASY...IT'S FUN!

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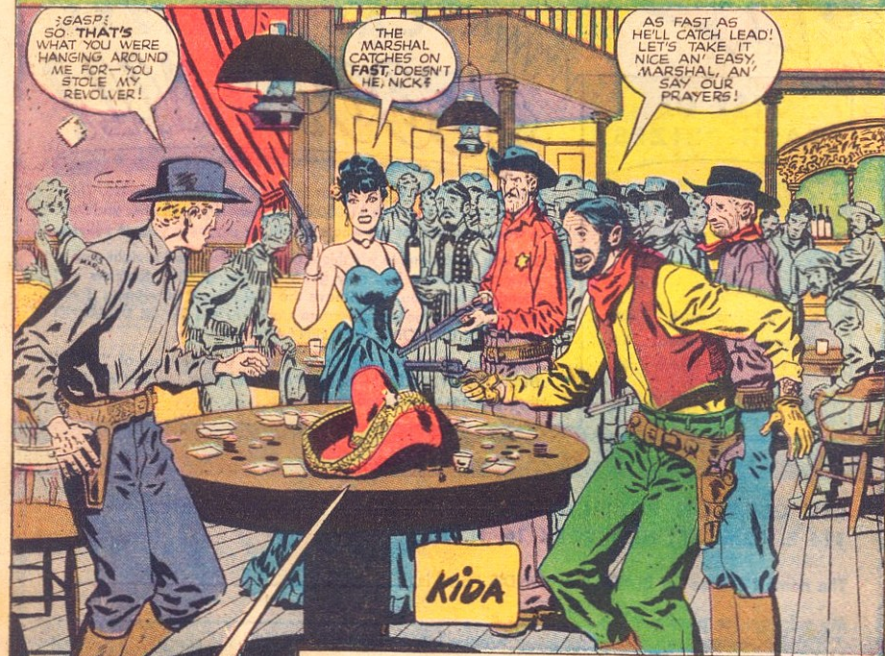
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**A
TRUE
WILD WEST
STORY**

SOMBRERO NICK TEBBETS

NICK
TEBBETS
KILLED
JUNE
1886

A RUTHLESS CUTTHROAT WITH A HEART OF STONE, WHO
WAS AS SHADY AS THE IMMENSE BRIM OF HIS HAT!



"GASP!
SO THAT'S
WHAT YOU WERE
HANGING AROUND
ME FOR—YOU
STOLE MY
REVOLVER!"

THE
MARSHAL
CATCHES ON
FAST, DOESN'T
HE, NICK?

AS FAST AS
HE'LL CATCH LEAD!
LET'S TAKE IT
NICE AN' EASY,
MARSHAL, AN'
SAY OUR
PRAYERS!

KIDA

THE STAR OF
WESTERN JUSTICE
NO MORE BELONGED
ON THE CHEST OF NICK
TEBBETS THAN A SOMBRERO
LIKE HE BELONGED ON A
NORMAL MAN'S HEAD!
EGOTISTICAL NICK TEBBETS
WAS DETERMINED TO BE
DIFFERENT FROM ALL OF
HIS BRETHREN! TO SATISFY
HIS ECCENTRICITY HE CHOSE
AN IMMENSE HAT—WHICH WAS
TO BECOME THE VISUAL
SYMBOL OF AN IMMENSELY
EVIL MAN! MINE IS AN
IMMENSELY STRANGE AND
SHIVERY STORY—FOR THE
HEAD I COVERED
WAS COMPLETELY
MAD!

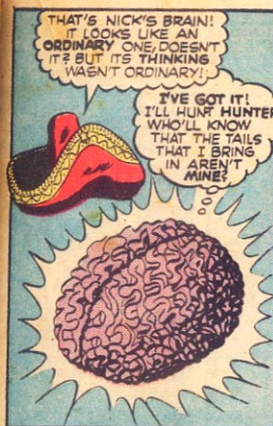


BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN
THE RAILROADS WERE
YOUNG, GREAT SUMS OF
MONEY WERE PAID OUT
TO BUFFALO HUNTERS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SLAUGHTER—AND WHERE
YOU FOUND SLAUGHTER,
YOU USUALLY FOUND
NICK TEBBETS...

IT IRRITATED GREEDY
NICK THAT THERE WERE
OTHERS INTERESTED IN
EXTERMINATING THE
GIANT OXEN!

HUNDREDS OF HUNTERS,
AN' ALL HUNTIN' TAILS!
THIS'LL CUT MY OUTPUT
DOWN TO PRACTICALLY
NOTHIN'!

I'VE BEEN WASTIN' MY
TIME COW PUNCHIN'! ALL
I HAVE TO DO TO PILE
UP A FORTUNE IS TO
PULL THIS TRIGGER
AN' PRODUCE BISON
TAILS!



THAT'S NICK'S BRAIN!
IT LOOKS LIKE AN
ORDINARY ONE, DOESN'T
IT? BUT IT'S THINKING
WASN'T ORDINARY!

I'VE GOT IT!
I'LL HUNT HUNTERS!
WHO'LL KNOW
THAT THE TAILS
THAT I BRING
IN AREN'T
MINE?



THE
ONLY QUESTION IS,
DO I DRY-GULCH
'EM BEFORE THEY
GET BACK TO FORT
LADES OR AFTER
THEY COLLECT?



NICK DECIDED IN FAVOR OF 'BEFORE', FIGURING
THAT WOULD BE SAFER!

HI, THERE,
STRANGER!
HOW'S IT GOING?
FULL POUCH?

YEP, AN' IT'LL
STAY THAT WAY
AS LONG AS THE
BUFFALO AND THE
BULLETS HOLD
OUT! I'M JUST
COOKIN' SOME
VITTLES! CARE
TO JOIN ME?



I WOULD, PARTNER,
ONLY I'M NOT
ANXIOUS TO GET
WHERE YOU'RE
GOIN'!



NICK'S RUTHLESS
MURDERS NETTED
HIM MANY BISON
TAILS!

AMAZING!
SIMPLY AMAZING,
TEBBETS! YOU
MUST'VE BEEN
KILLING TWENTY-
FOUR HOURS A
DAY!

JUST ABOUT! MANY
A NIGHT I
DIDN'T SLEEP
& WINK... I JUST
KEPT KILLIN'!



BUT AS QUICKLY AS NICK COLLECTED HIS
ILL-GOTTEN MONEY, HE LOST IT AT THE
GAMING TABLES OF FORT LADES...

SNAKE
EYES!
YOU
LOSE,
NICK!

IT'S GETTIN'
TO BE A
HABIT
WITH
ME!

THREE
LADIES!

AND ME
WITH
THREE
JACKS
THAT CLEANS
ME! I'LL WRITE
YOU AN' OW!



I NEVER SAW A
GUY WITH LOUISIER
LUCK! WHY DON'T
YOU QUIT GAMBLIN',
NICK?

IT'S EASY COME...
EASY GO WITH ME,
PETE! WILL YOU SEE
ME BACK TO MY
HOTEL? I GUESS I
DRANK TOO MUCH...
MY L-LEGS AIN'T
SO STEADY...



BUT THERE WAS NOTHING UNSTEADY
ABOUT NICK'S AIM! AND IF THERE
HAD BEEN, IT WOULDN'T HAVE
MATTERED! HOW COULD HE MISS,
WITH HIS GUN MUZZLE AGAINST
THE MAN'S SPINE?

SEE, PETE? EASY
COME, EASY GO! YOU
FIRED THREE HUNDRED
BULLETS FOR THIS
DINERO! I FIRED ONLY
ONE! NOW WHO HAS
THE LOUSY LUCK?

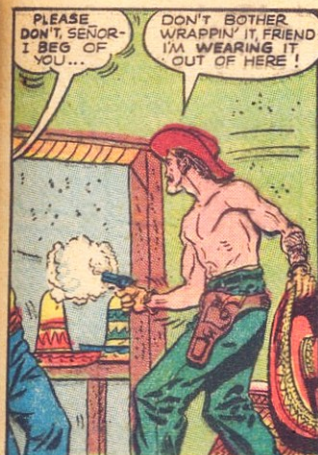


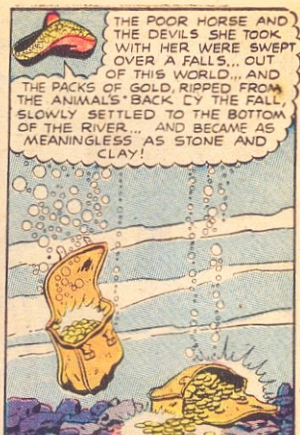
FUNNY THE
NUMBER OF
TAILS NICK
TEBBETS
BRINGS IN...
FOUR TIMES
MORE THAN
OUR BEST
HUNTER, CORRAL!

IT AIN'T HALF
AS FUNNY
AS THE WAY
THOSE NEXT BEST
HUNTERS KEEP
DISAPPEARIN'
AN' THOSE WITH
BULLETS IN THEIR
BACKS HAVE
NO TAILS!

QUIET, REDMOND!
LET'S HAVE
NO ACCU-
SATIONS
WITHOUT
EVIDENCE!









THE ASSASSIN HIRERS GAVE THEIR ASSASSIN A DOWN PAYMENT OF \$100!

ANYTHING ELSE?

NOPE! THIS IS ALL I NEED!



IF THEY'RE IN THE OLD SOUTHWEST STABLE LIKE YOU SAY, HOW ABOUT YOU COMIN' ALONG AN' SHOWIN' US THE WAY?

WHEN SHERIFF GABLES RODE INTO TOWN LOOKING FOR SAM AND JACK FLORDEN, HE FOUND ONE MAN WHO WAS ONLY TOO EAGER TO TELL HIM WHERE THEY WERE!

AN' GET MYSELF SHOT? NOT ON YOUR LIFE!

WE DON'T NEED HIM, JOE! COMON, LET'S GET THEM HOMBRES!



SO THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT, EH?

YEP, THAT'S ALL! IF YOU GOT ANY MORE SHERIFFS IN NEW MEXICO YOU AN' YOUR FRIENDS WANT KILLED - SEND 'EM TO ME - NICK TEBBETS!



HE WON'T EVEN FEEL ANY PAIN!

THEY DID!
HOW'LL I TACKLE THE SHERIFF OF RINEHART? VERY SIMPLE! HE'S A BIG COFFEE DRINKER! I'LL SLIP THE WAITER TEN BUCKS - PUT SOME KNOCKOUT DROPS IN HIS CUP!



FOR SIX MONTHS, NICK'S GUN WAS OUT FOR PERPETUAL HIRE! BUSINESS WAS BRISK FOR THE BEAST IN THE BIG SOMBRERO!

SLEEP WELL, SHERIFF!



YOU AIN'T SAID A WORD FOR FIVE MINUTES, TEBBETS! AIN'T YOU INTERESTED IN KNOCKIN' OFF SHERIFF HODES FOR US?

SURE HE IS, AL! HE'S JUST FIGURIN' IT OUT!

SURE, SURE! LEAVE HODES TO ME! THAT WASN'T WHAT I WAS THICK'N' ABOUT!



I'VE GOT IT! IT JUST HIT ME LIKE THAT! WHAT IF THERE WAS A NEW KIND OF SHERIFF THAT CAME ALONG? A SHERIFF THAT WAS THE PAL OF ALL THESE GUYS? WHO PLANNED HOLD-UPS WITH THEM... WHO HELPED IN JAIL-BREAKS... WHO GAVE THEM PROTECTION... HAM... NICK, YOU'RE A GENIUS!



NICK ROUNDED UP A WAR COUNCIL OF ALL THE DESPERADO VERMIN HE HAD SERVED IN THE PAST AND SOUNDED THEM OUT!

NOW IF IT WAS WE WHO ELECTED THE SHERIFFS, THERE'D BE NO SHERIFF TROUBLE, NO JAIL SENTENCES, NO NOTHING! THE KEY CITY IN THESE PARTS IS TULOS! GET ME ELECTED SHERIFF OF TULOS! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IT'S A TERRIFIC IDEA, NICK! YOU SURE ARE SMART!





LATELY EACH JOB NETS US LESS! THE DOUGH'S MOVIN' OUT OF OUR TERRITORY! FOLKS ARE WISE TO THIS SHERIFF SETUP!

SURE! I NOTICED IT, KENDALL! MY KICKBACKS HAVE BEEN GOING DOWN EVERY WEEK! BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA! A GOOD IDEA!

SHOOT, NICK! WHAT IS IT?



WE'LL CONFUSE THE PEOPLE BY DOUBLE-CROSSEIN' THE GANGS! ...EXCEPTIN' THE KENDALL GANG, OF COURSE! THEN WHEN FOLKS SEE OUR TERRITORY'S SAFE AGAIN FOR BUSINESS, YOU'LL MOVE IN AND CLEAN UP!

SOUNDS OKAY TO ME! WHEN DO WE START?



NICK'S TREACHERY WAS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE—EVEN FOR HIM! BEGINNING WITH THE MOYLAN GANG SLAUGHTER IN AUGUST, 1887, TULOS AND IT'S SURROUNDING COUNTIES BECAME THE GRAVEYARD OF OUTLAWS!

THE GUY'S OBVIOUSLY CRAZY! HE EXPECTS A SHERIFF TO ASSIST HIS CRIMES! PUT THE NUTTY FOOL OUTTA HIS MISERY, KENDALL!

N-NICK... YOU'RE LOOZ! WE'RE YOUR PAL! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP US ROB THIS JOINT!



WHAT'S HAPPENIN', NICK? GANG AFTER GANG MASSACRED! AN' NOT EVEN AN GUY LIVES TO TELL THE STORY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON, NICK?

IT'S JUST BAD LUCK, PETE! WHEN YOU PULL THIS POST OFFICE CUP, EVERYTHING WILL BE ON ICE! RIGHT, KENDALL?

SURE! MY GANG'LL BE THERE TO BACK YOU UP, PETE!



KENDALL "BACKED" PETE UP AS HE'D "BACKED" UP ALL THE OTHERS! ...BUT THIS TIME SOME OF PETE'S MOB MANAGED TO ELUDE THE BLOODBATH!...

SO WHAT? THERE AIN'T AN OUTFIT IN THE SOUTH-WEST BIG ENOUGH TO STAND UP AGAINST THE KENDALL MOB!

WHAT WENT WRONG TONIGHT? I'LL TELL YOU! YOU WERE DRUNK! YOU WERE OVER-CONFIDENT! NOW IT'LL LEAK BACK TO THE OTHER MOBS WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR GANGS!



THEY CHASED US ALL NIGHT, BUT JONES AND ME MADE IT! AN' YOU CAN THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS WE DID, BECAUSE WE KNOW WHO'S GEARIN' IN THE MOBS AND COVERIN' HIMSELF WITH GLORY!

WHO? TELL ME THE DIRTY TRAITOR'S NAME!

IT'S NICK TEBBETS! THAT WHO!



NOW WHAT? THE MOBS ARE WISE TO OUR GAME! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

STOP GOIN' TO PIECES, NICK! THEY'RE STILL OUTLAWS! THEY'LL COME INTO TULOS ONE MOB AT A TIME, AN' THAT'S HOW WE'LL AMBUSH 'EM APART... ONE, AT A TIME...



AND SO THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE GANGS BLAZED A NEW! GANGS WERE AMBUSHED IN THE STREETS... LIKE THE JORDAN MOB....

GOOD! AS LONG AS THEM CRAZY CUTTHROATS CUT THEIR OWN THROATS, THEY CAN FIGHT ALL DAY!



OTHERS, LIKE THE MCCOY AND SAWYER OUTFITS, GOT THEIRS IN THE HIGH HILLS... U.S. MARSHAL SCOTT GOT TO THE SAWYER SLAUGHTER AFTER THE VULTURES DID...

CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY TO SEE THE SAWYER OUTFIT WIPED OUT! BUT WHAT ABOUT KENDALL AND TEBBETS, MARSHAL?

I'M GOING INTO TULOS AND GET THEM!





WELL, MARSHAL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR LITTLE SCHEME'S GONE UP IN SMOKE... I'LL JUST PUT MY SOMBRERO DOWN ON THE TABLE! I DON'T WANT THE BRIM FLOPPIN' IN MY EYES WHEN I START THROWIN' LEAD YOUR WAY...

NICK HAD MADE THE MISTAKE OF PLACING ME EXACTLY WHERE TO FLY IN HIS FACE IF THE TABLE WERE KICKED UPWARDS! WHICH WAS WHAT HAPPENED!

YEOWWWW! GET THAT SOMBRERO OUT OF MY EYES! GASPS



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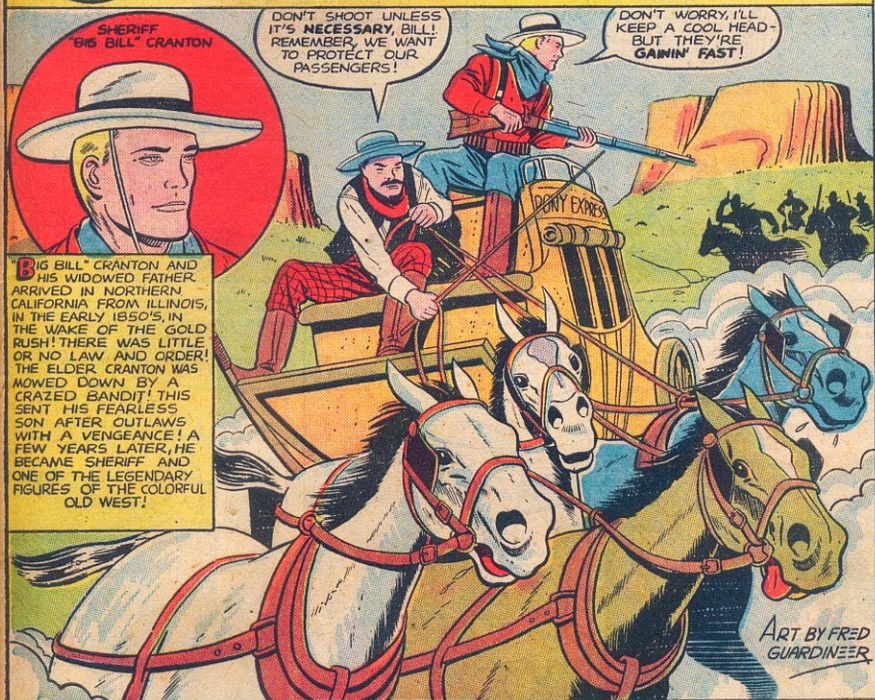
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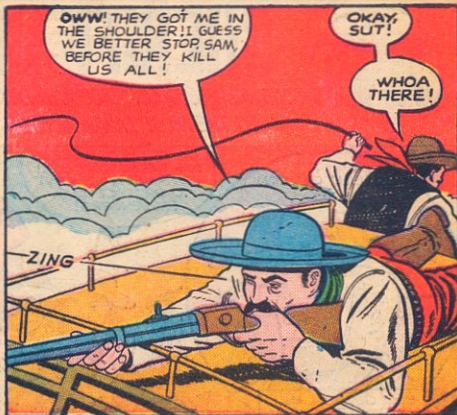
ALL RIGHT, RUSTY, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO! WE GOTTA MAKE THIS ONE SNAPPY! THERE MIGHT BE AN ESCORT WAITING FOR THEM FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD!

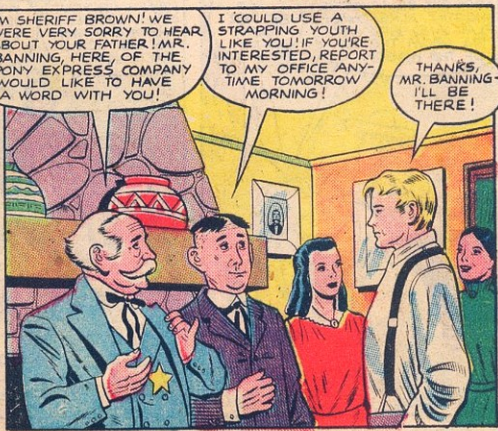
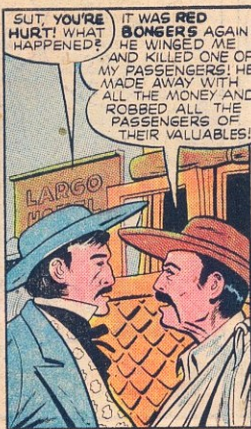
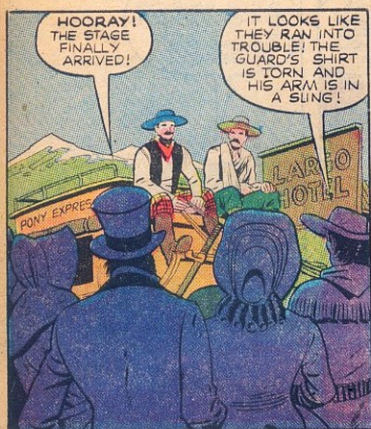


OH, OH! I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR IT! THAT'S RED BONGERS AND HIS PAL, RUSTY! THERE'S A PRICE ON THE HEAD OF EACH OF THEM!

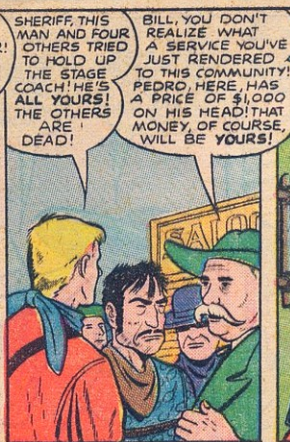
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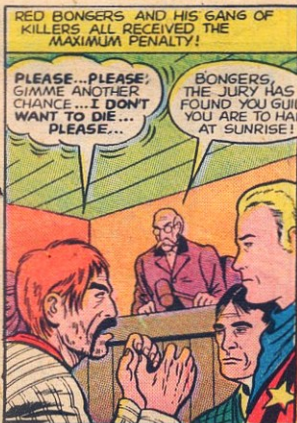












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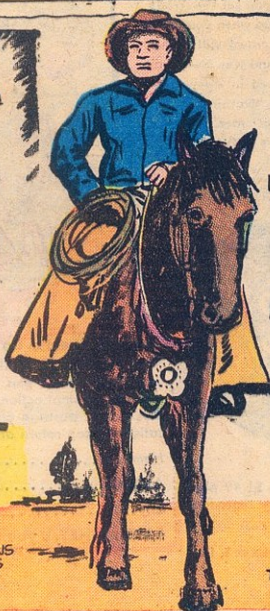
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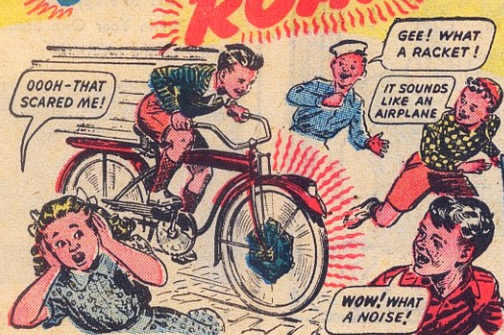
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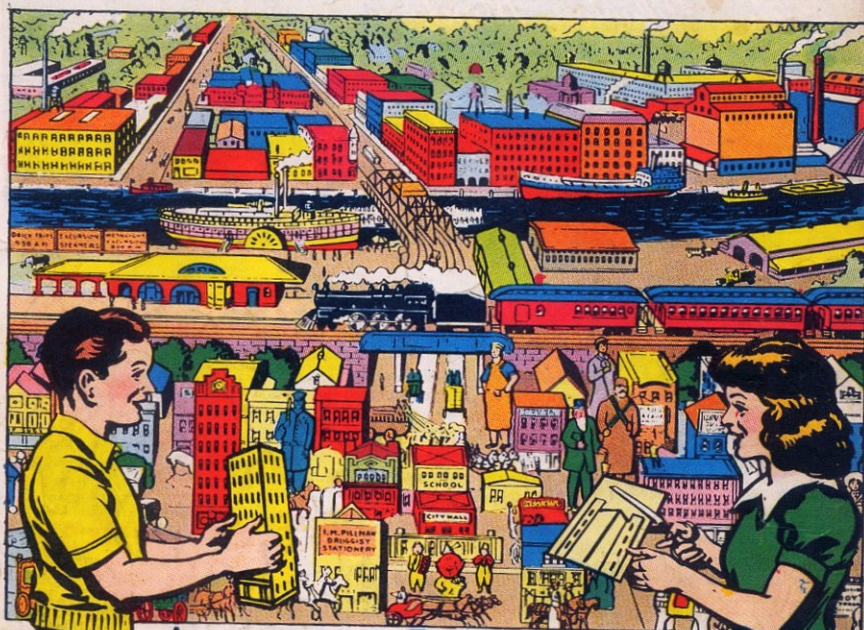
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